

*Symbolæ ad Historiam Heliceorum*; auctore L. PFEIFFER. Sect. prima 1841, altera 1842, tertia 1846.

In the two former parts of this work the author has given an account of his views on the systematical distribution of the great family of *Helicea*, the synonymy of all the genera and species known to him at that time, and descriptions of 280 species, most of which were new, and the remaining ones incompletely described, or only known by figures and names. The third part contains: 1. An account of the method of distributing the immense number of species of *Helix* (including *Nanina* and *Stenopus*) by a system merely artificial, but suitable, in the author's opinion, for assigning to every species the place where it may be sought, without comparing the total number of nearly 1100 species.

2. A systematical enumeration of all known living *Helices*, in which the author has marked the species (about 630) which he possesses in his collection, those which he has studied in other collections, and of which he has made accurate descriptions for his 'Monograph,' and those which he knows only from descriptions or figures. Under every species is quoted the work where it is first published, or some good figure.

3. An alphabetical enumeration of all fossil *Helices*.

4. Additions to the synonymy of all the genera of *Helicea*, containing many corrections of names, in accordance with the law of priority.

5. Descriptions of 145 species (*Helix*, 77; *Helicophanta*, 1; *Vittrina*, 3; *Tomogeres* (*Anostoma*), 1; *Bulimus*, 31; *Achatinella*, 3; *Achatina*, 13; *Pupa*, 1; *Clausilia*, 15 species).

6. A continued enumeration of the works which are quoted in the three parts of the 'Symbolæ.'

PHILIPPI's *Figures and Descriptions of new or incompletely known Shells*. Vol. i. 1842-45; vol. ii. No. 9-11, 1845-46.

This work, which contains contributions by Anton, V. D. Busch, Dunker, Jonas, Koch, Pfeiffer and Troschel, is destined to give, like Guérin's 'Magazin,' figures of new and interesting shells, with descriptions and critical remarks. The figures are drawn on stone and coloured.

The first volume contains, on 48 plates, figures of 4 species of *Arca*, 5 *Artemis*, 22 *Bulimus*, 4 *Cyclostoma*, 19 *Cylindrella*, 10 *Cytherea*, 12 *Fusus*, 13 *Glandina* and *Achatina*, 6 *Haliotis*, 50 *Helix*, 4 *Mactra*, 40 *Melania*, 2 *Murex*, 12 *Natica*, 11 *Nerita*, 15 *Neritina*, 15 *Paludina*, 11 *Pecten*, 8 *Psammobia*, 4 *Pyrula*, 9 *Sigaretus*, 6 *Solen*, 2 *Steganotoma*, 1 *Streptaxis*, 1 *Strombus*, 12 *Tellina*, 43 *Trochus* (*Turbo* and *Monodonta*), 4 *Unio*, 16 *Venus*.

The three parts of the second volume, which are already published, contain figures of 6 species of *Arca*, 10 *Astarte*, 7 *Bulimus*, 16 *Cylindrella*, 9 *Cyrena*, 8 *Fissurella*, 6 *Fusus*, 3 *Haliotis*, 25 *Helix*, 3 *Mactra*, 13 *Natica*, 1 *Ostrea*, 2 *Streptaxis*, 10 *Tellina*, 18 *Trochus*, 5 *Venus*.